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For: NOVEL NITRILE HYDRATASE }

THIRD PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Further to the Preliminary Amendment filed on June 16, 2005 and the Preliminary Amendment to Accompany Response to Notice to Comply filed on December 27, 2005, please further amend the above-identified patent application as follows: